

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

DAVIS, Susan A. (Democrat)
Representative, 53rd District, California
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Cambridge, MA - 13 April 1944
Home: San Diego, California
Marital status: Married (Steve) - 2 children
Religion: Jewish
Education: U of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1965; U of North Carolina, M.A. 1968
Military: None
Profession: Educator; public TV producer; social worker
Political: San Diego Board of Education, 1983-92 (president, 1989-92); California Assembly, 1995-2000. Defeated incumbent Rep Brian Bilbray (R) with 50% of the vote in 2000 for the 49th District seat. Reelected in 2002 to the newly drawn 53rd District with 62.5% of the vote.

Rep Davis is a liberal. Priorities include education funding, debt reduction, and social security preservation. Favors targeted tax cuts for child care, post-secondary education, and small business growth. Supports abortion rights and gun safety locks. Supports military training, materials, pay, housing, and support services needed to preserve US strategic and national interests and to encourage career service. District includes Navy & Marine Corps facilities at NAS North Island, Camp Pendleton, Naval Amphibious Base Coronado.

In the 107th Congress, introduced legislation to assure funding for Impact Aid Program would be a part of the budget each year. Welcomed the suggestion that San Diego be designated as a regional testing site for new security devices and for improving plans to deal with terrorism. Her effort to shave two years off the current timetable (2005) to have housing allowances fully cover average costs of rental housing was not supported by DoD. Indicated that a military strike on Iraq would probably draw less support in her district than the war in Afghanistan. Objected to the inclusion of language in the FY03 DoD auth that he said would jeopardize wilderness study areas beneath the air space of the Utah Test & Training Range (UTTR). Introduced legislation to eliminate the pay gap for military personnel by providing raises of inflation plus ½ of one percent from 2006 to 2013. Opposed H.J.Res.114, authorizing the use of US military force against Iraq, stating that “unilateral preemptive force may indeed win the battle for Iraq but cause us to lose the war by isolating America from its many allies...” Urged support instead for the Spratt substitute that sought to include the United Nations as part of the solution.

Additional: Husband was an Air Force doctor. Considers herself a “military spouse” - being stationed at Tachikawa Air Base, Japan during Vietnam War, when her husband was in Vietnam. Served as President of the League of Women Voters.
AF Bases: AF Plant 19 (GE)

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